

Congress Convenes in Extra Session

A Condensed Account of Proceedings in Both Houses

Washington. The House was in session less than half an hour Tuesday, an adjournment being taken out of respect to the memory of two deceased members. The President's message was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, the membership of which is yet to be announced. The message also was ordered printed. Aside from making provision for the payment of mileage of members, no further business was transacted.

Tuesday's session of the Senate was devoted exclusively to the reading of the President's message in support of reciprocity with Cuba and to the routine incident to the receipt of the message. The attendance of Senators was exceptionally large, and many appeared with large rolls of freshly prepared bills. The message received the careful attention of the Senators, and when its reading had been concluded Mr. Cullum of Illinois was recognized to move the reference to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the message and the Cuban treaty, the text of which had been transmitted with the message. This motion prevailed, and it had no sooner been disposed of than the Senate adjourned.

Wednesday's Proceedings.

The House met for only five minutes and transacted no business. The Senate held a longer session and a score or more of important bills were introduced. Many petitions against the seating of Reed Smoot, the Mormon Senator from Utah, were read and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

To Consider Cuban Matter Only.

Washington. It is the intention of the Republican leaders to confine the business of the extra session entirely to the Cuban reciprocity matter.

The bill as reported Thursday is identical with the treaty of the Cuban reciprocity treaty confirmed by the Senate at the extra session, except for those words added to the section which declares it the intention of the United States not to change the sugar schedules of our tariff for the benefit of nations other than Cuba for a period of five years.

Provided, further, That nothing herein contained shall be held or so construed as an admission on the part of the House of Representatives of customs duties can be changed otherwise than by act of Congress originating in said House.

The speaker Thursday announced the Ways and Means Committee.

House Gets Committee Report.

Washington. The House Committee on Ways and Means Thursday authorized a favorable report on the bill making effective the Cuban reciprocity treaty by a vote of 14 to 2. Mr. Metcalf (Rep.) of California, was present, but did not vote, and Messrs. Robertson (Dem.) of Louisiana, and Cooper (Dem.) of Texas voted against the bill.

Two amendments were offered in committee, but both were rejected by the Republican vote. One, offered by Mr. Cooper, extended the provisions of the treaty to all other countries. The other, offered by Mr. Williams, the minority leader, abolished the differential duty on refined sugar.

Immediately after the reading of the Journal Mr. Livernash of California arose to a question of personal privilege. Reading from manuscript, he began by saying:

"Indications are that in the Panama-Colombia matter the President is invading a constitutional prerogative of the Congress, and it seems of high importance to the dignity and authority of this House that doubt be dispelled forthwith."

Mr. Payne rose to a point of order and insisted that the question of privilege be stated first.

The speaker suggested that a resolution would inform the House as to what question the gentleman desired to present. He finally sustained the point of order, cries of "Regular order" being heard on the Republican side. On motion of Mr. Payne, the House then adjourned.

Erb and Wood Win Suit.

Shelbyville, Ill.: The suit of Erb & Wood vs. The Shelbyville Water Company for foreclosure was heard in the Circuit Court Thursday and a decree of \$107,294.95 entered in behalf of complainants. Master in Chancery Yanke was ordered to sell the property to satisfy the claim. This was a suit of several years' standing.

Southern Rice Crop Short.

Charleston, S.C.: Four of the largest rice mills in the States of Louisiana and Texas have withdrawn all of their orders from the Southern Rice Growers' Association, because of the discovery that the rice crop of Louisiana and Texas to be at least 1,000,000 bush short of what was first estimated.

Track Nearly Completed.

Charleston, Ill.: The Central Illinois Traction Company has almost completed its 12-mile of track between this city and Mattoon, and cars will be running within the next 30 days. It is proposed to run cars every half an hour from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Greenville Sanatorium Dedicated.

Greenville, Ill.: The Greenville Sanatorium was dedicated Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd. The chief address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. A. L. Whitcomb.

Japanese Attack Russian Sailors

Several Were Fatally Injured in Affray in Korean City

St. Petersburg. A dispatch from Port Arthur gives the following account of an affray at Chemulpo, Korea, recently, between Russians and Japanese, as follows:

About 300 Japanese dock laborers attacked 26 sailors belonging to a Russian gunboat. The assailants were variously armed and the Russians used their fists and drove back the Japanese, and reached their launch, amid a shower of stones. Many of them were injured. In the belief that some of the Russians were still in town, 200 Japanese, armed with axes and swords, raided the European settlement, searched the Russian houses, refused obedience to the authorities and threatened to kill every Russian. During the attack the Russians captured several Japanese weapons. Two of the Japanese were fatally and several were dangerously wounded. The Russian iron-clad Poltava was sent to Chemulpo to assure order.

Building Around a Village.

Springfield, Ill.: Unable to secure a franchise from the Town Board of Auburn to go through the village, the Deatur, Springfield and St. Louis Interurban Electric Road Wednesday started the work of building around the corporate limits of the village. Dr. J. A. Wheeler, former Representative, who is president of the Village Board, has opposed the interurban line on the ground that it will ruin the town. The fight has been in progress for several months. Lately the work of constructing the electric line has been delayed because of the inability to secure a franchise, and, as a last resort, the management concluded to leave Auburn out of its line and construct the line around the west side of the village.

Fund Started for River Improvement.

Kansas City, Mo.: At a meeting of the River Improvement Commission Wednesday the Finance Committee was instructed to raise by popular subscription \$15,000 to be used in the effort to secure Government protection of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers against the possibility of overflow in the future. It is proposed to carry on an active campaign of education among the members of Congress. It was suggested that a mass meeting of business men be held to agitate the question and raise funds, and assurances were received that the Commercial Club would take an active part in the work.

Chicago Strikers Propose Arbitration.

Springfield, Ill.: Governor Yates Sunday received a letter from M. C. Buckley, president of the Street Railway Men's Union of Chicago, in which he states that the employees now on a strike in Chicago are willing to submit their case to arbitration. The Governor read the letter to J. McCann Davis of the State Board of Arbitration, who departed Sunday night for Chicago to attend a meeting of the board. In his letter to the Governor, President Buckley gives the causes of the strike and also tells of the actions of the street car company regarding arbitration.

Federal Commissioner Claxton Dead.

Carbondale, Ill.: United States Commissioner Perry L. Claxton was found dead about three miles east of here late Wednesday afternoon. He was seen on the street as late as 10 o'clock and was in a particularly pleasant frame of mind. His body was found near the track of the Paducah branch of the Illinois Central Railroad, by firemen and taken into Carterville. Near at hand was a revolver with one empty chamber. The circumstances of his death lead to the theory of suicide, owing to financial matters. He leaves a widow and one child.

Answers His Final Call.

Cleveland, O.: Henry Gellert, Kansas rider and Indian fighter, died in this city Saturday night. He was among the first 20 men recruited by John Brown for one of his earliest raids in Kansas. Gellert served three years in the Union Army and was with Custer, his personal friend, only a few days before the Little Big Horn massacre. Perhaps his most notable exploit was a trip from St. Paul to St. Louis on the Mississippi river.

Japanese Organize Asiatic League.

Shanghai. It is reported that the Japanese are secretly organizing an Asiatic League, with headquarters at Tokyo. This recent visit of Chinese statesmen, Japanese princes and Persian Ministers to Japan are believed to have been connected with the movement.

Marconi Begins Work on Station.

Rome. Signor Marconi Sunday began work on the powerful wireless station at Pisa, through which it is intended to establish communication with the Argentine Republic and later with the United States.

Plumbers' Law Unconstitutional.

St. Paul, Minn.: The Supreme Court Friday decided that the law passed by the last Legislature that plumbers must take out licenses before being permitted to do plumbing work is unconstitutional.

Illinois Apple Growers Meet.

Quincy, Ill.: A called meeting of the Mississippi Valley Apple Growers Association held here Thursday was largely attended. Most of the orchardists present reported that the fruit trees were well budded.

Much War Talk Is Heard at Bogota

It Is Reported That Colombian Army Under General Reyes Has Started to Panama

Panama. Cable service with Bogota has been re-established and the following is the first important dispatch since the rebellion sent from the Colombian capital:

Bogota, Colombia, Nov. 10.—Acting President Jorga Holguin told me today that Colombia would never recognize the independence of Panama.

"My Government will exhaust its last drop of blood and its last cent in putting down the rebellion," he said. "I wish to make the announcement to the world that we will not submit to isthmian independence."

General Rafael Reyes has been appointed generalissimo-in-chief of Colombia's fighting forces and all here are confident that he will force the United States to maintain the sovereignty of Colombia on isthmian soil.

General Reyes departed Friday for the coast with a large and well-equipped army. He announced that he had left behind a force of 100,000 men ready for any emergency.

All departments and parties have promised unconditional support and financial aid to the Governor. The people are furious over the revolution. A high official of the Government said that Colombia "rejoiced with profound indignation the independence movement of the isthmians."

"The rebellion," he added, "is merely supported by the treasonable act of certain military officials, and with the only object of satisfying the avariciousness of certain individuals and foreign companies, having interests connected with the canal company."

Bogota continues in a state of siege, but the United States Legation is well protected.

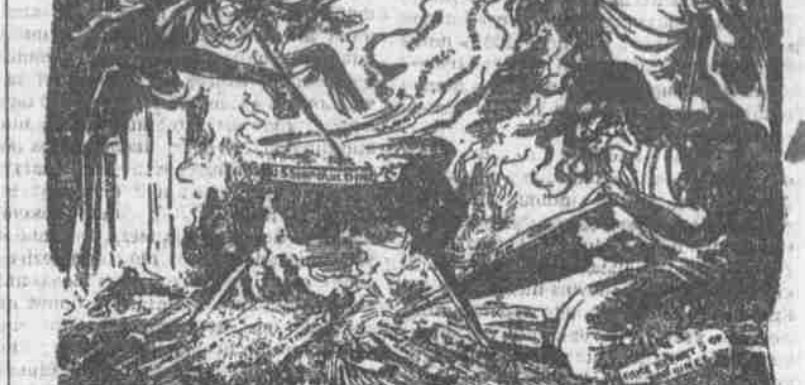
The Colombian Government and the people are satisfied that Colombian patriotic sentiments will prevail, and before long the isthmus will realize the error of its course, and will return to the mother country before Colombian blood shall flow in torrents.

Marroquin Tells of Army's Departure.

Guayaquil, Ecuador: General Plaza, President of Ecuador, has cabled to President Marroquin of Colombia, sympathizing with him in the recent events on the isthmus of Panama. President Marroquin has replied, thanking General Plaza, and adding that Generals Reyes, Caballeros, Ospina and Holguin are marching on Panama with a large army to subdue the isthmians.

How the Witches of Finance Fixed a Brew for the Trusting Public.

—Philadelphia Inquirer.



China Helpless Against Russia

Rulers are in Deadly Fear of the Great Power

Peking. The ablest Chinese admit the failure of the throne's appeal to the powers for their intervention to prevent Russian aggression in Manchuria. Japan, however, steadily assures China of her unaltered determination not to allow the Russians to occupy Manchuria, notwithstanding the failure of Great Britain and the United States to support her.

The board of Foreign Affairs is apparently completely hoodwinked by the Russian representations, and professes to believe that Russia will ultimately restore the province to China. The members of the board are in deadly fear of Russia. The Dowager Empress is recognized to be thoroughly incompetent to deal with the situation and to lack ability to choose her advisers, though she is now pretending to be considering a reversal of policy and war.

The anti-Russian party is attempting to devise means to arouse the moral wrath of the powers in the hope that this will force the Russians to evacuate Manchuria.

France Has Large Wheat Crop.

Washington. The Department of Agriculture has been advised that the 1903 wheat crop of France, according to an estimate of the French Ministry of Agriculture, is 855,600,614 bushels, harvested from 14,151,967 acres. These figures represent the largest crop and the smallest area of any crop harvested in France within the last ten years.

Thieves Dynamite Safe.

El Dorado, Ill.: The Post Office at El Dorado, Ill., was broken into Saturday night and the safe dynamited. It is not known how much money was in the safe, nor the value of stamps. The Postmaster, Mrs. H. P. Church, claims there was several hundred dollars in money and stamps. The burglars secured tools in Naugles' blacksmith shop.

British Fight With Tribesmen.

Aden, Arabia. Eight British infantrymen and one Sepoy were wounded in the engagement with a tribe which recently took place in the Aden hinterland. The tribe's loss was heavy, the killed including the chief's son.

Arkansas Convict Pardoned.

Little Rock, Ark.: Governor Davis Tuesday pardoned Monroe Douglas of Randolph County, who was convicted in 1901, on the charge of voluntary manslaughter, and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Broodens to Meet in St. Louis.

Ames, La.: Prof. C. F. Curtiss has issued the call for the first annual convention of the National Hunt and Animal Breeders' Association to meet in St. Louis December 29 and 30. The object is to perfect the organization and work for the benefit of the vocation.

Fire on War Vessel.

Norfolk, Va.: Fire broke out on the torpedo destroyer Lawrence Thursday night which barely missed the magazine. The boat was moored in the midst of the flotilla. Lieutenant Curtis and five seamen were overcome in an heroic fight against the flames.

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Russian Troops Evacuate Korea.

London. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Tien Tsin Tuesday states that the Russian forces have been withdrawn from Korea. This is accepted in diplomatic circles as a corroboration of the report that Japan and Russia have reached an amicable agreement, as the first contention of the Japanese in the far Eastern negotiations was that the muscovite must retire beyond the border of Korea. It is believed that this forebushes a pacific end to the Oriental question, and that henceforward Russia will be given a free hand in Manchuria, so far as Japan is concerned, and that the Czar will allow the island empire free sway in Korea.

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